

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project
Programmatic Agreement Between the Federal Transit Administration
and
State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources**

**Consulting Parties Meeting
July 28, 2009, Laniakea YWCA
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

Attendees: Jeff Nishi (AIA Honolulu), Amy Blagriff (AIA Honolulu), Kiersten Faulkner (Historic Hawaii Foundation), Katie Kastner (Historic Hawaii Foundation), Kehau Abad (Oahu Island Burial Council), Keola Lindsey (Office of Hawaiian Affairs), Deepak Neupane (Hawaii Community Development Authority), Sherry Campagna (Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club), Mahealani Cypher (Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club), Pua Aiu (State Historic Preservation Division), Faith Miyamoto (RTD), Lawrence Spurgeon (PB), Stephanie Foell (PB), Leland Chang (Moderator)

Call-In: Nancy McMahon (State Historic Preservation Division), Elaine Jackson-Retondo (National Parks Service – Pacific West Region), Blythe Semmer (Advisory Council for Historic Preservation), Brian Turner (National Trust for Historic Preservation), Elizabeth Merritt (National Trust for Historic Preservation), Susan Tasaki (State Historic Preservation Division)

A. Welcome and Purpose (Faith Miyamoto)

Ms. Miyamoto welcomed participants to the meeting and thanked them for their input. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Draft Programmatic Agreement for agency comments.

B. Introductions (Leland Chang and Participants)

Those present and representing agencies and those on teleconference introduced themselves.

C. Agenda and Groundrules (Leland Chang)

Mr. Chang noted that he is a neutral moderator and explained his role as keeping the discussions on task.

All comments will be recorded.

Participants are asked to wait until they are called on to speak.

The task at hand is to provide substantive comments on the Programmatic Agreement as presented.

Those individuals seated at the main table will have the first opportunity to share their comments, if time allows, others will be able to speak.

D. Project Overview (Lawrence Spurgeon)

Mr. Spurgeon provided a brief description of the project. Basically an elevated fixed guideway system. The typical station layout has been developed but each station will be designed to mesh with its respective neighborhood.

E. Status of the Section 106 Process / Introduction to the Draft PA (Stephanie Foell)

Ms. Foell explained that the Project Team received a determination letter from SHPD yesterday wherein of 81 eligible resources, 33 are adversely affected in their opinion. The updated Programmatic Agreement now reflects this determination.

Mitigation measures in the PA allow the Project to work within disciplines and approach effects holistically.

F. Consulting Parties Review of Draft PA

The following consists of comments as transcribed to flip-chart during the meeting.

- Page 2, 3rd Whereas
Mother Waldron Neighborhood Playground, should be Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park
- Page 3, 4th Whereas
Paragraph states that FTA has notified the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of its adverse-effects determination, and the ACHP has chosen not to participate. ACHP reported that they just received notification from the FTA yesterday, July 27, and they have not made a participation determination.
- Stipulation I(A)
NPS indicated that they should be involved in the documentation process for each resource. They indicated they are actively involved in the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) review of documentation. NPS stated the process should be: 1) Project prepare documentation; 2) submit to NPS for HABS review; 3) update per NPS comments; 4) resubmit for review by NPS/HABS; 5) NPS distribute to appropriate parties upon approval.
- Stipulations I(A) and I(B)
Stipulations I(A) and I(B) indicate differing documentation approaches. I(A) reflects documentation for resources that are physically effected by the Project and I(B) is for those resources that have a proximate impact from the Project. Request that all resources be individually examined for impact and appropriate documentation approach.
- Stipulation I(D)
Paragraph states, “Approximately 150 views will be submitted.” Explain how this number was determined.
- Stipulation II
The lava rock curbstones removed must be marked as they are taken and stored in such a way that they can be replaced accurately.
- Stipulation II
Add a statement about how Project will approach later discovery of lava rock curbstones.
- Stipulation III
Cultural Landscape Reports will not include military landscapes.
- Stipulation III
Will consulting parties review and comment on the Cultural Landscape Reports? NPS has requested review and HHF wants to ensure that NPS standards are followed.
- Stipulation III
As Cultural Landscape Reports address archaeological and agricultural resources, it is requested that “Traditional Cultural Properties” also be addressed.
- Stipulation IV

It is suggested that recent past and architectural styles be considered. Perhaps 1939 – 1979 and addressing the overall impact of the Project.

- Stipulation IV
Will consulting parties have the opportunity to review and comment on the Historic Context Studies?
- Stipulation V
Should add that part of this process is Project will address the special circumstances of each site in their representation.
- Stipulation V
Could there be an inter-agency solution to choosing sites?
- Stipulation V
Paragraph should clearly state the Project's intention to complete, submit and follow through the process with NRHP.
- Stipulation V
Describe the submission process and how the Project intends to work with property owners.
- Stipulation V
Confirm that submittals will go to the State and Federal governments.
- Stipulation V
Define how determinations are made.
- Stipulation V
If a property owner declines to participate in the NRHP nomination, will the Project select another property for submittal?
- Stipulation V
What are the review guidelines?
- Stipulation VI
Ensure that Cultural Practices are included in the interpretive plan
- Stipulation VI
Who determines appropriate placement?
- Stipulation VI
Will consulting parties have the opportunity to review and comment?
- Stipulation VI
Only Native Hawaiian Culture or will all Hawaii cultures be included?
- Stipulation VI
Provide specifics on the brochure, such as intended audience, distribution plan, # of copies, etc.
- Stipulation VI
Is there some way to format the children's educational materials so that they tie-in with the school curriculum?
- Stipulation VII
All parties should be able to review and comment.
- Stipulation VIII
This section is currently specific to built resources, expand to include burial sites.
- Stipulation VIII

Ensure that construction contracts state the terms under which the contractor will act in the event historic resources or burial sites are uncovered during their process. Describe stop-work terms, etc.

- Stipulation IX
Section does not include specifics on how state laws will be followed.
- Stipulation IX
Provide process details (especially concerned about downtown and Kakaako resources).
- Stipulation IX B) 5
Analysis should be expanded to include any site-appropriate methodology.
- Stipulation IX (C)
This section can be deleted as the Project is required to follow state laws.
- Stipulation IX
Define precise plan for preservation determination by addressing: process, technology and avoidance.
- General Provisions X
Add provisional guidance in the event of a natural disaster.
- General Provisions X (D) 2
PA is null and void if not carried out within 8 years. Project timeline is 12 years – explain.

G. Clarifying Questions and General Comments [All participants]

- Explain why a PA is being prepared rather than a MOA.
- The Project will have an island-wide effect. PA should adopt a global comprehensive solution.
- Describe mitigation activities to extend throughout the life of the Project
- Create database of all documentation gathered and make it an available resource to agencies and interested public.
- City and County should activate the Historic Preservation commission with Certified Local Government initiatives.
- Project should propose improvements to impacted public areas (e.g. Irwin Park and Walker Park).
- Involve agency and public in station design and transit oriented development.
- Where are the methods used to minimize or avoid adverse effects on listed properties described?
- Programmatic Agreement should address the rehabilitation funds and grant process.

H. Next Steps and Plan for the August 4 Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 at 9:00 am, Laniakea YWCA
- Project staff will forward updated documents for review as soon as possible
- We will work to improve the audio communications set up.

I. Wrap-up and Aloha

ADJOURNED: 11:10 am